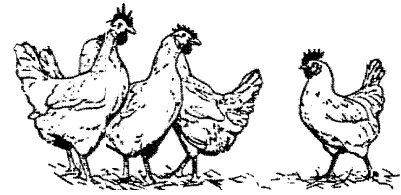


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## U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.53 billion during December 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 995 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2003 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,225 eggs, up 2 percent from December 2002.

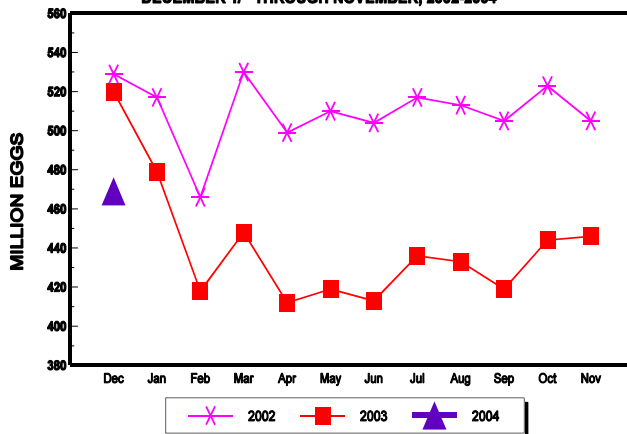
All layers in the U.S. totaled 337 million on January 1, 2004, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 337 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.44 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. The rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers on January 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago.

## CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 469 million, 9.00 million more than last month, but 51.0 million less than last December. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.9 million, 1 percent above last month, but 9 percent lower than December 2002. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,244 compared to 2,220 last month and 2,260 in December 2002.

## EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA

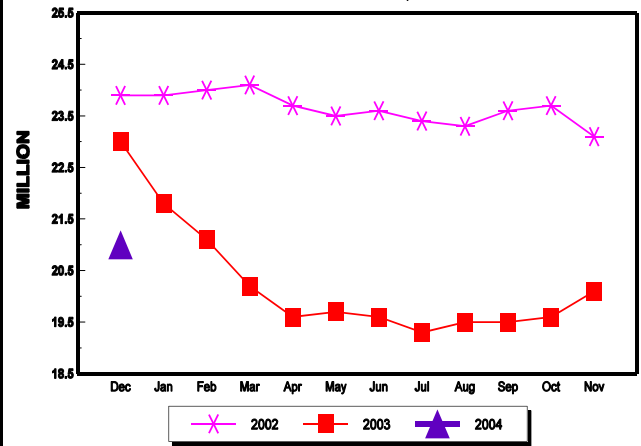
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



1/ Previous Year

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



1/ Previous Year

## DECEMBER LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 1 FORCED MOLTING

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,778	9,418	1,872	1,932	183	182	1.0	0.5	10.5	4.5
Arkansas	14,541	14,522	1,926	1,914	280	278	0.5	1.5	12.0	10.5
California	23,016	20,899	2,260	2,244	520	469	3.0	7.0	37.0	31.0
Georgia	20,515	20,672	2,157	2,095	443	433	3.5	3.0	18.5	17.0
Indiana	23,035	23,427	2,236	2,275	515	533	3.5	3.5	33.5	32.0
Iowa	38,290	40,931	2,279	2,293	873	939	8.5	4.0	30.5	31.5
North Carolina	10,742	10,812	2,020	2,005	217	217	1.0	0.0	11.0	10.5
Ohio	30,663	28,276	2,182	2,309	669	653	4.5	5.0	22.0	24.0
Pennsylvania	24,854	23,504	2,338	2,314	581	544	2.5	3.5	16.5	21.5
Texas	18,761	18,398	2,159	2,238	405	412	6.5	5.5	22.5	10.5
UNITED STATES	340,316	338,525	2,189	2,225	7,451	7,531	4.4	3.9	23.7	22.2

### U.S. BROILER HATCH

The December 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 778 million, was up 3 percent from December of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 637 million on January 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.00 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2003, up 8 percent from December 2002.

#### DECEMBER BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

State	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	102,392	108,364	106
Arkansas	107,716	112,029	104
Delaware	12,642	13,515	107
Florida	7,748	4,926	64
Georgia	110,347	119,326	108
Kentucky	23,945	25,181	105
Louisiana	12,150	14,293	118
Maryland	34,842	31,998	92
Mississippi	68,360	70,434	103
North Carolina	64,968	64,587	99
Oklahoma	22,865	23,245	102
Pennsylvania	12,688	13,421	106
South Carolina	16,287	13,851	85
Texas	55,603	53,322	96
Virginia	22,935	24,113	105
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	58,710	63,345	108
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	19,677	22,209	113
UNITED STATES	753,875	778,159	103

<sup>1/</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

### U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 33.9 million, up 6 percent from December 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.7 million on January 1, 2004, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 242 thousand during December 2003, up 29 percent from December 2002.

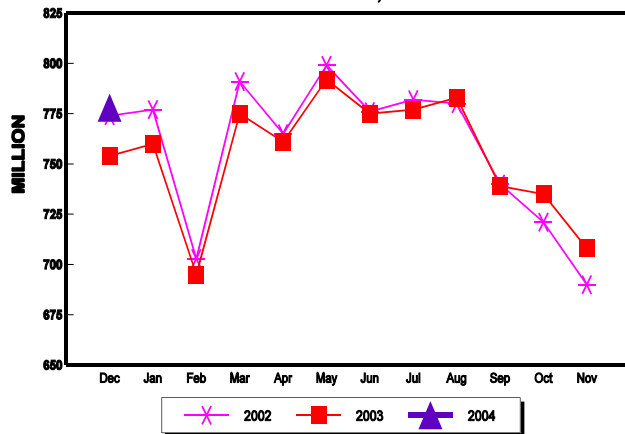
#### DECEMBER EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

State	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	716	702	98
Florida	700	742	106
Georgia	2,319	2,123	92
Indiana	4,634	5,060	109
Iowa	5,228	6,529	125
Minnesota	1,493	1,112	74
Pennsylvania	4,349	4,623	106
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	12,534	12,965	103
UNITED STATES	31,973	33,856	106

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#### BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES

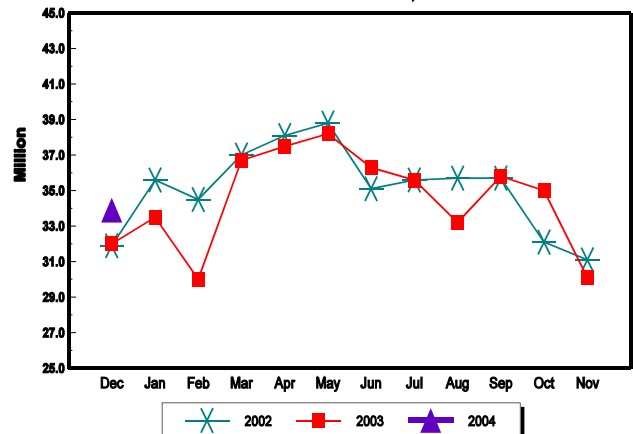
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<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

#### EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2002-2004



<sup>1/</sup> Previous Year

### JANUARY 1 EGGS IN INCUBATORS

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,758	12,108	103	4,313	4,613	107
East North Central	7,843	8,075	103	5,889	6,935	118
West North Central	19,202	21,729	113	6,216	7,295	117
South Atlantic	229,754	230,389	100	2,937	2,458	84
South Central	332,073	340,824	103	5,721	5,248	92
West	22,541	23,923	106	5,041	5,106	101
UNITED STATES	623,171	637,048	102	30,117	31,655	105

## POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average December prices received by California producers, when compared to November average prices, decreased 16.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the December average prices received by producers increased one cent per pound for broilers, while turkey prices decreased three cents per pound compared to last month. Prices for market eggs decreased 18.7 cents per dozen.

### POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	December 2002	November 2003	December 2003
Cents				
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	53.0	97.0	81.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	29.0	37.0	38.0
Market Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	Doz.	48.0	92.6	73.9
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	38.7	40.7	37.7

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

<sup>2/</sup> Mid-month prices.

### U.S. TURKEYS RAISED IN 2003 UP 1 PERCENT FROM 2002

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2003 totaled 274 million birds, up 1 percent from the 272 million raised in 2002.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 45.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 42.5 million, Arkansas and Missouri each with 26.5 million, Virginia with 23.0 million, California with 17.3 million, and South Carolina with 13.0 million. These States accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2003.

### TURKEY GROWERS PLAN 4 PERCENT DECREASE IN 2004

Turkey growers in 23 States intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2004. These States produced more than 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2003. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2003 are as follows: Minnesota down 4 percent, North Carolina down 11 percent, Arkansas down 2 percent, Missouri down 4 percent, Virginia down 4 percent, California down 7 percent, and South Carolina unchanged. The number of turkeys actually raised in 2004 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

### TURKEYS RAISED AND INTENTIONS

State	2002	2003 <sup>a/</sup>	<sup>2003</sup> 2002	2004 Intentions	<sup>2004</sup> 2003
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	29,500	26,500	90	26,000	98
California	17,700	17,300	98	16,100	93
Indiana	13,000	12,800	98	12,800	100
Iowa	6,800	8,500	125	9,000	106
Minnesota	44,000	45,000	102	43,000	96
Missouri	25,500	26,500	104	25,500	96
North Carolina	45,500	42,500	93	38,000	89
Pennsylvania	9,900	9,500	96	9,500	100
South Carolina	9,900	13,000	131	13,000	100
Virginia	20,000	23,000	115	22,000	96
U.S. Total	272,429	274,348	101	261,800	96

<sup>a/</sup> Revised.

## U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 28.4 million on January 1, 2004, down 8 percent from January 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent below the December 2003 total of 28.6 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 7 percent; West North Central, down 8 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 7 percent; South Central, down 8 percent; and West, down 12 percent.

The 23.4 million poults placed during December 2003 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 6 percent from the November 2003 total of 22.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 2 percent; West North Central, up slightly; North and South Atlantic, down 5 percent; South Central, up 1 percent; and West, down 10 percent.

### ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Jan. 1		2004 2003	Poults Placed During Dec.		2003 2002
	2003	2004		2002	2003	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
E N Central	4,860	4,543	93	3,653	3,588	98
W N Central	11,494	10,521	92	8,929	8,946	100
N & S Atlantic	9,363	8,740	93	7,907	7,543	95
S Central	2,548	2,352	92	1,877	1,890	101
West	2,539	2,238	88	1,611	1,457	90
U.S.	30,804	28,394	92	23,977	23,424	98

### U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS <sup>1/</sup>

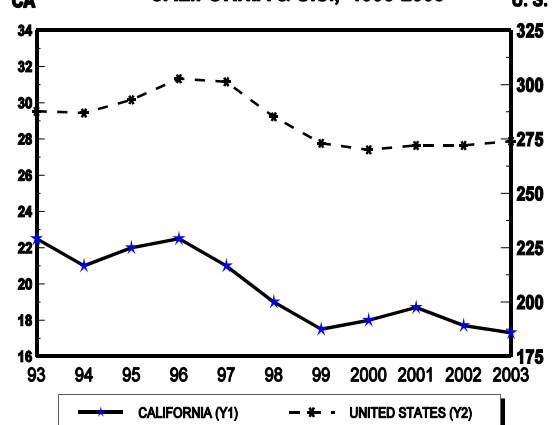
Month	Total All Breeds		03-04 02-03	Cumulative Total		03-04 02-03
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept. <sup>2/</sup>	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct. <sup>2/</sup>	23,811	22,805	96	46,481	44,976	97
Nov. <sup>2/</sup>	23,987	22,155	92	70,468	67,131	95
Dec.	23,977	23,424	98	94,445	90,555	96
Jan.	25,389			119,834		
Feb.	23,833			143,667		
Mar.	24,902			168,569		
Apr.	24,938			193,507		
May	25,111			218,618		
June	25,422			244,040		
July	25,330			269,370		
Aug.	24,036			293,406		

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes exported poults.

<sup>2/</sup> Total All Breeds revised for 2003-04

### NUMBER OF MILLION TURKEYS RAISED

CALIFORNIA & U.S., 1993-2003



**PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE**

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE						
Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2002	November 30, 2003	December 31, 2003	Dec. 2003 Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003 Nov. 2003
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	25,531	37,138	29,057	114	78
Chickens	Lbs.	50,316	29,573	28,910	57	98
Ducks	Lbs.	146	64	27	18	42
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	75,993	66,775	57,994	76	87
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	333,047	350,668	353,267	106	101
Chickens	Lbs.	768,084	569,268	609,046	79	107
Ducks	Lbs.	6,398	1,831	1,188	19	65
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,107,529	921,767	963,501	87	105
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	13,525	14,909	18,055	133	121

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